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Bernard Sinclair Goodban

Bernard Goodban died suddenly on 18th December 1981 at the age of 80, he having been born on 11th June 1901. His interest in the macrolepidoptera was lifelong and while general in earlier years, he later concentrated entirely on the Geometridae (excepting the "pugs").

He will be remembered by many as co-discoverer in this country in 1956, of *Xanthorhoe birviata* Borkhausen (Balsam Carpet). He also took an active part in the investigation into the Lepidoptera of the Ruislip District in the 1950s, which included hundreds of records of the forms of *Biston betularia* L., which were valued by Dr. Kettlewell in his work on melanism. Always keen on rearing moths, especially varieties, he was involved in the establishment of the genetic basis of ab. *brunneata* Cockayne of *Ennomos autumnaria* Werneburg.

A modest and kindly man ever willing to help anyone, he will be greatly missed by his many friends. It is understood that his collection of Geometridae will go to the British Entomological and Natural Society. — W. E. MINNION.

William Ernest Collinson F.C.I.S., F.R.E.S.

Bill Collinson, was born in Mumbles, South Wales on the 21st January 1920, and died at his home in Ringwood, Hants on the 22nd December 1980, after a long illness which he bore with great fortitude.

A keen naturalist from an early age, Bill gave many Natural History lectures, and in 1971 appeared on television in a programme on conservation. His real love, however, were the lepidoptera, and main speciality the Northern Eggar: *Lasiocampa quercus* ssp. *callunae* Palmer, about which he wrote a paper dealing with its many aberrations. This paper on the "Black Eggar" appeared in the *Proceedings of the Yorkshire Naturalist* for 1956. He also wrote numerous articles in the *Bulletin of the Amateur Entomological Society*. But, without doubt, his principal contribution to entomology is *The Butterflies and Moths of Halifax and District* (1970), an annotated list of 334 macrolepidoptera recorded since 1832 in the old parish and district of Halifax.

Bill formed an extensive collection the greater part of which he bequeathed to his son D. P. Collinson of Liss, including a remarkable aberration of *Drymonia ruficornis* Hufn. (cf. *Proc. Brit. ent. nat. Hist. Soc.*, 1974: 7(1) pl. I, fig. 9); but the cabinet with the butterflies and moths mentioned in his Halifax List has been given to the Halifax Scientific Society and Museum.

No words can express the real feeling of personal loss felt by his many friends who knew and loved him, and our sympathy is extended to his widow, to his son and daughter and to his grandchildren. — ROBERT AND AMANDA WATSON.